FOR MYSORE STATE

REVENUE 1950 (195) Department.

Ms. SERIES.

G.O. NO. 620.

Dated 4.3.50

[Despatch Abstract.]

Stamps - Copy Stamps .- Issue of single and double copy stamp papers to parties - Instruction - Issued.

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Revenue Department.

U.O.Note No.75910-K/49-1 dated 21st December 1949.

Madras Legislative Council Question No.178 - Starred.

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Sri B.Bhima Rao, M.L.C.

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*Q.No.178. Will the Hon'ble the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state:-

(a) whether the Government have received a complete report about the information asked for in Short Notice Question No.20(A) on the 17th November 1949 and if so, what the facts are which led to the inconvenience referred to therein;

(b) whether the Government have issued any instructions to obviate such inconvenience in future and if so, what the details of those instructions are;

(c) whether the Government have issued instructions to the stamp vendors to issue single copy stamps to the persons requiring the same; and

(d) if the Government consider the issue of single copy stamps uneconomical, whether they have issued instructions to the copyist departments to make copies of blank papers instead of on single copy stamps and affix 5 annas court fee samps thereto ?

CLAUSE (a): The Government have since received a report from the Collector. Owing to the unusually heavy sales of stamps during October last stocks ran short.

CLAUSE (b): Government have since issued necessary instructions to all Collectors to the effect that Treasury Deputy Collectors should see that ex-officio vendors have always a sufficient stock of stamps and that indents for fresh supply are regularly submitted by them.

CLAUSE (c): Stamp vendors are not prohibited from issuing single copy stamps.

CLAUSE (d): The Government do not consider that any such instructions are necessary. If court fee stamp is affixed also on the reverse side of the Copy stamp paper and if that page is not used, the stamp will not be punched but will be returned to the parties concerned.

For Secretary to Government.

To

The Secretary to the Madras Legislature (Council Section)
Copy to Public (Elections) Department.

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The above answer has been approved by Hon'ble Sri H.Sitarama Reddi,Minister for Land Revenue.

Please see my answer to various supplementaries and take action urgently. H.S.A 23-12-

MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Friday, the 23rd December 1949.

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The House met in the Council Chamber,Fort St. George, at eleven of the clock,Mr. President (The Hon.Sri R.B.Ramakrishna Raju) in the chair.

1.QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Starred questions.

*70-A.Q.-Answered.

Sri B.Bhima Rao:- Is the Hon.Minister aware that the Board of Revenue has issued instructions to Collectors that only double copy stamps should be issued and not single copy stamps?

The Hon.Sri H.Sitarama Reddi:- In answer to clause (c) I said that stamp vendors were not prohibited from issuing single copy stamps. I do not know about the instructions issued by the Board of Revenue. If they are illegal or cause inconvenience, I shall have them cancelled.

Sri B.Bhima Rao:- The Collector of Bellary has written to me to say that the Board of Revenue has issued instructions that only double copy stamps should be issued and not single copy stamps and that he is following those instructions.

The Hon.Sri H.Sitarama Reddi:- I shall take up the matter with the Board of Revenue.

Sri B.Bhima Rao:- When stamps are affixed on both sides is it not difficult to remove the stamp affixed on the reverse side when the front page has been written up?

The Hon.Sri H.Sitarama Reddi:- I believe this practice is being followed to economise paper.

Sri B.Bhima Rao:- I request the Hon.Minister to issue instructions that single copy stamps may be issued at least in limited number whenever they are required.

The Hon.Sri H.Sitarama Reddi:- I have already replied that stamp vendors are not prohibited from issuing single copy stamps.

Sri B.Bhima Rao:- But still they are issuing only double copy stamps and do not issue single copy stamps. That is why I am making the request.

The Hon.Sri H.Sitarama Reddi:- The matter will be considered.

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Revenue Department.

Memo.No.75910 K/49-2 dated 10-1-50.

Stamps - Stamp paper - Issue of copy stamp papers with stamps on both sides - Certain particulars called for.

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According to G.O.No.2184 Rev., dated 28-7-1943, if an adhersive court fee label is affixed on the reverse side of a copy stamp paper which is not written on, the court fee label should be left unpunched and returned to the parties. The question has been raised that when stamps are affied

on both sides, whether it will not be difficult to remove the stamp affixed on the reverse side, when the front page has been written up. The Board of Revenue is requested to offer its remarks on the point and report whether G.O.No.2184 Rev., dated 28.7.43 requires any modification.

2. The Collector of Bellary has reported that he has not prohibited stamp vendores from issuing single copy stamps. It is however understood that the Collector of Bellary has informed Sri B.Bhima Rao,M.L.C., that the Board of Revenue has issued instructions that only double copy stamps should be issued and not single copy stamps and that he is following those instructions. The Board is requested to state whether it has issued any such instructions and, if so, to report the circumstances in which they were issued. A copy of the instructions may also be sent for perusal of the Govt.

3. The Board is requested to send its reply urgently.

To

The Board of Revenue.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Subject.

Stamps - Stamp paper - Issue of copy stamp papers with stamps on both sides - Certain particulars called for - Submitted.

Station:Madras. Ref.L.274/50-2 Dated 27-2-1950.

From

Sri N.C.Thomas,B.A.,
Joint Secretary,Board of Revenue

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Sri V.N.Kudva,I.C.S.,
Commissioner of Commercial Taxes.

Read: From the Government Memo No.75910 K/49-2 dated 10-1-1950
From the Collector of Bellary L.Dis.1728/50 B.8 d/6-2-1950.

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REFERENCE:

The Board invites the attentionof the Government to G.O.Ms.No.1193 Revenue dated 23.6.1945 which lays down that only

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when the reverse of the copy stamp paper is written on, court fee label of the value of '3 annas' or (4 annas' as the case may be, sould be affixed. If the reverse side is not proposed to be written on, there will be no need to affix the court fee label which may be available with the copy stamp papers produced by the party and kept separately. There will be no question of removal of court fee labels so long they are not affixe . In the circumstances the Board considers that G.O.No.2184 Revenue dated 28-7-1943 does not require any modification.

2. A copy of the Collector's letter with reference to paragraph 2 of the Government Memorandum cited above is submitted.

For Joint Secretary.

To
The Secretary to Government,
Revenue Departemtn,madras.

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Copy of L.Dis.1728/50 B8 dated 6-2-1950 of the Collector of Bellary.

Sub:- Stamps - Stamp papers - Issue of double copy stamps information furnished.

Ref:- Board's Refl. L.274/50-1 dated 31-1-1950.

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It was ordered in G.O.Mis.1474 dated 3.4.1943 that both sides of copy stamp papers should be used for writing, a maximum of 175 words being written on each side and an adhesive court fee label of three annas being affixed to the reverse side. These instructions were confirmed in standing order No.2 introduced by G.O.Mis.1193 Revenue dated 23-6-1945 with the modifications that a maximum of 176 words should be written on the first page and 240 words on the reverse side, an adhesive court fee label of As.4 or 3 being affixed according as the number of words exceeded 176 or not. I am enclosing herewith a copy of me letter Rd.15009/49 B8 dated 25-11-1949 to Sri B.Bhima Rao,M.L.C. from which it will be seen that his attention was merely called

to the existing orders, he was not informed at any time that there were instructions from the Board of Government that single copy stamps should not be issued. No communication was made to him about the issue of copy stamps.

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Copy of Ref.15009/49 B8 dated 25-11-1949 of the Collector of Bellary to Sri B.Bhima Rao B.A., B.L., M.L.C., Advocate, Bellary.

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Sub:- Stamps - Bellary C.F.Stamps lower denomination - Shortage of stock with the stamps vendors at Bellary.

Ref:- Your letter dated 7-11-1949.

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Ordinarily stamps are supplied from the Huzur treasury to the Sub-treasuries in the district once in four months with reference to indents sent by Tahsildars. Accordingly the indent received from the Tahsildars Bellary for a period of 3 months (from November 49 to February 50) was passed on 11-11-49. The consolidated indent could not be passed in the last week of October 1949. as it ought to have been, for want of indents from some of the Tahsildars.

The Sub-Treasury Officer, Bellary should have maintained a reserve stock of 4 months supply. But it has been ascertained that there have been unusually heavy sales in the last month. Necessary instructions have since been given to the Sub-treasury Officer, Bellary to keep sufficient stock of stamps in his treasury to prevent inconvenience to the public.

"As per S.O.2 of stamp Manul both sides of the copy stamps papers should be used for writing and that the reverse side of the copy stamp paper should be affixed with a C.F.stamp of the value of 0-3-0 or 0-4-0 as the case may be. G.O.Ms.No.2184 dated 28.7.1943 says that when the reverse of the copy stamp paper is used adhesive C.F.label of 0-3-0 should be affixed at the top right corner of the page. If the reverse side is not used, the

stamp will not be punched and will be returned to the parties concerned. Thus you may see that this system is in vogue with reference to the orders in force, as explained to you in person.

/True extracts/

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Superintendent.

ABSTRACT

Stamps - Copy stamps - Issue of single and double copy stamp papers to parties - Instructions issued.

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Revenue Department.

To A.S.

Please see the Legislative Council question in the c.f. It is a starred short notice question and is not liable to be disallowed under the rules. The Legislature Sectt. has since requested th t H.M. (L.R.) has agreed to answer the question on 23.12.49.

Clause (a) of the question. A complete report in the matter has since been received from the Collr. of Bellary. vide page 20 c.f. of (U) it will be seen from the Collr's report that there was an unusually heavy sale of stamps in October 1949 and that therefore stocks ran short.

Clause (b): In Memo No.66470K/49-4 Rev.d.19-12-49 the attention of all Collectors have been invited to Standing Order No.7 of the Stamp Manual under which it is the duty of the Treasury Deputy Collrs. to see that all ex-officio veddors have always a sufficient stock of stamps on hand and that indents for fresh supplies are regularly submitted to them. Collrs. have been requested to see that the Try.Dy.Collrs. discharge this duty enjoined on them promptly and properly so that there may be no room for similar complaints in future.

Clause (c) The Collr. has stated that stamp vendors have not been prohibited from issuing single copy stamps.

Clause (d) This question will not arise in view of the Collr's report that stamp vendors have not been prohibited from issuing single copy stamps.

Subject to orders a draft answer to the question is submitted for approval. The file may be circulated to H.M.(L.R.) for approval of the draft.

the answer to clause may be amplified

Revenue Department.

To A.S. XX

Please see the notes on pp.1-4 above, the Legislative Council question and answers on p.3 c.f. and H.M. (L.R.)'s orders on p.4 c.f. A copy of the supplementary questions and answers, since obtained from the Legislature Secretariat is at p.5 c.f.

2. The points raised in the supplementary questions are examined below:--

(a) One point raised is, when stamps are affixed on both sides, whether it is not difficult to remove the stamp affixed on the reverse page, when the front page has been written up. Apparently, this has arisen as an off-shoot to answer to clause (d) of the L.C. question. It may be noted that according to G.O.No.2134, Revenue dated 28.7.1943, if the reverse side of the paper is not written on, the Court fee label should be left unpunched and returned to parties. The Board may, however, be asked to offer its remarks in the matter.

(b) The other question raised is whether stamp vendors have been prohibited from issuing single copy stamps. It has also been requested that single copy stamps may be issued at least in a limited number, whenever they are required.

The Collector of Bellary has reported that he has not prohibited stamp vendors from issuing single copy stamps. But at the same time the M.L.C.(Sri Bhima Rao says that the Collector of Bellary has ~~issued instructions that only double copy stamps~~ informed him that the Board of Revenue has issued instructions that only double copy stamps should be issued and not single copy stamps and that he is following those instructions. This requires clarification. The Board may be requested to offer its remarks on this point also.

3.Subject to orders a draft Memo. is submitted for approval.

(Issued as Govt.Memo.No.75910 K/49-2 Rev.d/10-1-50.)

From the Borad of Revenue Ref.L.274/50-2 dated 27-2-50.

To A.S.

Notes from XX XX on page 4 ante the Govt.Memo onpp.6-7 c.f. and the Board's reply on pp.8-9 c.f. may be perused.

2. Para 2 (a) of the note on p.4 ante and paral on p.6 c.f.:-

The Board's reply on this point in para 1 of its reference.on p.8 c.f. may be perused. Standing order No.2 lays down th t only when reverse of the copy stamp paper is written on, court fee labels to the value specified ther in should be affixed. The Board therefore agrees that if the reverse side is not proposed to be writteon on there will be no need to affix the court fee label which may be available with the copy stamp papers produced by the party and kept separately. In the circumstances, the Board considers that G.O.Ms.No.2184 Rev. dated 28.7.43 does not require any modification.

Para 2 (b) of the note on pages 4-5 ante and para 2 on pp-6-7 c.f.: The Collector of Bellary has enclosed a copy of his letter to Sri B.Bhima Rao M.L.C on p. 9 c.f. The Collector observes that the M.L.C's. attention was merely invited to the existing orders that he was not informed at any time that there were instruction from the Board or Government that single copy stamps should not be issued. He has further stated that no communication was made to him about the issue of copy stamps.

It has however, been pointed out by the M.L.C. in the supplementary questions on 23.12.49 (see page 5 c.f) that although stamp vendors are not prohibited from issuing single copy stamps, they are still issuing only double copy stamp papers and do not issue single copy stamps. Th point now for consideration is whether in the above circumstances it will be deemed necessary to ask the Collr. of Bellary and other Collectors to issue necessary instructions to stamp vendors in this regard so that they may issue single copy stamp papers when ever required by parties. For orders.

The letter of the Collector of Bellary at pp.8-9 cf. and the reference of the Board of Revenue at p.8 c.f. may be perused. It is not definite from the reports whether in practice single copy stamp stamp papers i.e. copy stamp papers without additional CF stamp affixed on the reverse side are actually being issued now. Perhaps it is not being so issued. The Board points out that affixture will be necessary only when the reverse side is used. Apparently what the Board means is that though C F stamps are issued they need be affixed only when it is required. But even this is not satisfactory as parties may not have any use of excess C F stamps. It appears therefore that definite instructions may be issued by the Board to all Collectors that single or double copy stamp papers should be sold to parties as they request either of them. If the copy stamp papers furnished are insufficient the loca offices will ask them to furnish addl. stamps and if stamp already issued are in excess they will be returned. The Board may be asked to issue instruction to the Collr. accordingly.

The matter may be treated as specially urgent and orders may be asked to issue as such by the Board. I hope there will be no further delay in setting right this matter.

To A.S.

With reference to the orders in circulation above, a draft order is submitted for approval.

/True extracts/

N.V. Bhavelkar
Superintendent.

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